

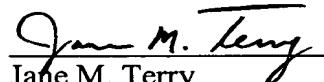
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-12 are pending in the present application. Original Claims 1, 6-12 have been currently amended. Claim amendments were made relative to the Article 34 Amendments. Applicants note that the Article 34 Amendments provided claim amendments on pages 17, 19 and 20 of the application, and thus, encompassed now pending Claims 1 and 8-12. The Article 34 Amendments resulted in twelve claims. Support for the amended claims can be found throughout the specification and in the original claims. Particular support for the amended claims can be found in the respective original claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present amendment is now in condition for examination on the merits, and request early notice of such action.

Respectfully submitted,

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